

Family Record of Agnes & Gerhardt Thiessen
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both born at Jansen

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MO.	DAY	YEAR				
			born			
13		Sept. 26, 1885	Gerhardt Thiessen	born		
			died			
		April 30, 1958	Agnes Thiessen	died		

LETTERS
 REVIEW READERS

Rev. G. T. Thiessen, Orange Cove, Calif., We, Agnes (nee Ratzlaff) and Gerhardt T. Thiessen, could not celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary on Jan. 24, 1955, because of my heart condition contracted by the experience in concentration camp, and threats in court during the invasion and occupation of China by the Japanese. In spite of that we rejoice in the fact related by the Esalmist in Psalm 128:3, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."
 Agnes can still help in the work of the Village Chapel, which is

(Sunrise)
 When I shall come to the end of my way,
 When I shall rest at the close of life's day,
 When welcome home I hear Jesus say
 O that will be sunrise for me.

When in His beauty I see the great King,
 Join with the ransomed His praises to sing
 When I shall join them my tributes to bring
 O that will be sunrise for me.

When life is over and daylight is passed,
 In heaven's harbor my anchor is cast,
 When I see Jesus my Saviour at last,
 O that will be sunrise for me.

Sunrise tomorrow, sunrise tomorrow,
 Sunrise in glory is waiting for me;
 Sunrise tomorrow, sunrise tomorrow
 Sunrise with Jesus for eternity.

This is one of my dear husband's favorite songs. Many times he sang in the other room while I was working. I still hear him sing.

Gerhardt Thiessen, who with his wife have resided in Orange Cove for several years, where for some time they had charge of a mission until his falling health would not permit to keep it up, passed away rather unexpectedly last Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Thiessen and their family were in China in mission work for a number of years until they felt it was advisable to come back to the U.S.A. with their children on account of the Communist situation in China. He was a member of the Grace M. B. Church of Reedley for a large part of his life. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a member of the M. B. Church on the 10th St. with the ministers, C. A. Wall and Leonard Wiebe officiating. Music selections were: solo by Mrs. Peter Dueck and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ewert and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Thiessen as a quartet; sang a couple of songs. The burial was in the Reedley cemetery. The casket bearers were Ted Unruh, Harry Fast, Allen Wiebe, Ed Ratzlaff, A. D. Friesen and Edwin D. Ratzlaff with the Cairns funeral home in charge. The survivors are Mrs. Thiessen, his wife of Orange Cove; Ira and wife of Orange Cove; Willie and wife of Reedley; and Otto and wife of San Jose; 5 grandchildren, 2 brothers, 5 sisters and a number of relatives and friends. With the sister Mrs. Warkentin of Dale many, Sisk, who has been in poor health for a long time. Mr. Thiessen, a brother of the deceased, with his wife came from the home this week for he has a school, but job that he must be there for on Monday. In place of flowers, the family requested a debate for mission work as the people passed to the cemetery, which amounted to \$145.65.

Gerhardt Thiessen Dies; Had Been China Missionary
 Funeral services for Gerhardt Thiessen, a resident of Orange Cove for fourteen years, passed away Friday at his home. He had been in poor health for some time. For many years he was a missionary in China and when missionaries were being evacuated during the second world war, he was a passenger on the first journey of the Gripsholm, which brought many prisoners of war to the United States. He was 72 years old. He was born in Nebraska.
 The Rev. Thiessen, a native of Nebraska, had lived in Orange Cove 14 years. His missionary work was in China prior to World War II.
 He sang two songs, Mrs. Peter Dueck, at the request of Mrs. G. T. Thiessen sang a German song, "Jesus verspaetet sich Nie" — a song that Rev. G. T. Thiessen had loved to sing. Rev. C. A. Wall, who was in charge of the funeral service, gave the message. Over 300 friends came to pay their last respects.
 At the request of Br. G. T. Thiessen, people at the funeral were given an opportunity to contribute toward missions, rather than spend the money on flowers. A lunch was served at noon for the immediate family and relatives, at the Grace Church.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thiessen from Abbottsford, British Columbia, came for the funeral. Ira Thiessen of Orange Cove, youngest son of Br. and sister G. T. Thiessen could not attend his father's funeral, because of sickness. After a long wet season, we are again enjoying sunshine and warmer weather.

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